

I ask that the FCC do what it takes to insure that towns across the country can have low-power FM stations. Local content is a gaping whole on the radio dial. Most radio programming is decided hundreds of miles away from its listeners. Communities need local radio. Communities need radio run by volunteers and non-profits, not just people trying to make money. We need to hear local issues covered and discussed. We need to hear about our own culture. We need to hear our own accents.

I volunteer for a LPFM here in Asheville, NC. Our signal is mostly drowned out by a commercial station from Knoxville which is not suppose to broadcast this far. With all due respect and honestly, I must say that the FCC has not been a help. The bureaucracy favors business, money, influence, not a group of volunteers working hard for their community.

I ask you to change the rules to open up the airwaves for LPFM and local radio. This is the role of the FCC. This is why you're there.

Respectfully,
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